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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicant requests that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
5,471,332	11-28-95	Shiragaki et al.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
DE 43 37 089	5-4-95	Germany


German DE 43 37 089 relates to an optical transparent ring network which offers selective through switching or coupling in and out of signals at ring nodes.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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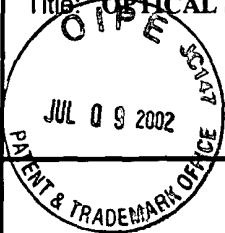
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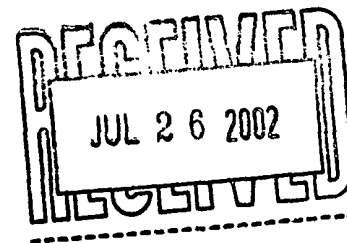
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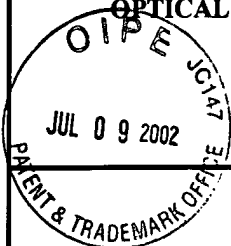
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